

FISCAL NOTE

HB 1167

April 10, 2003

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes physicians to provide experimental or non-conventional medical treatment to patients with potentially life-threatening diseases or illnesses if:

- The individual, or their legal representative, authorizes such treatment and the physician has personally examined and agrees to treat the individual.
- There is no reasonable basis to conclude that the medical treatment poses an unreasonable or significant risk of danger to the individual.
- The physician provides the patient with a written statement and an oral explanation regarding the nature of the treatment, i.e. that it is experimental, is not FDA approved and may have side effects.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

MINIMAL

Assumes that the TennCare program, the state and local government employee health insurance plans and private insurance plans will not be required to cover any experimental treatment because a right to utilize such treatments is created.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director